### THE EVENING POST.

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John Rudden's installment houses, which are centrally located at 930 and 932 Seventh street northwest, is the place to buy your housekeeping outfits. He has the largest stock of stoves, carpets, furniture, etc., that he has ever kept, and is doing an immense business by selling them at each prices on the installment plan on easy weekly or monthly payments. It is the Best.

Ask for it. Schiltz's Milwankee Lager Beer. For sale by all leading houses. Pleasant Valley.

weet Catawba, \$1 per gallon. n D. Donnelly, 14th and 1 street n w.

For Washington Dressed Beef go to John R. Kelly, stalls 628, 629 and 630 Centre Market and 206 and 208 Northern Lib-erly. Council beef a specialty.

Ladies' Royal Kid Button. Common Sense and Opera Toe with Patent Leather Tips. \$3.50. Gantagan's, 500 Seventh street. "Alderney Dairy Wagons."

Fresh Alderncy butter, churned every morning and delivered in 1g h "Ward" prints, due, per ib. Also cottage cheese, butternik and eweet milk, Sc. per qt. Cream 18c,per qt.

#### CITY NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

—The Art Students' League's initial recep-tion was held in their rooms in the Son-building last night. —The design for the Georgetown University alumni medal has been completed and sent to Philadelphia to be executed in bronze.

-Father Horgan, the famous astronomer. has arrived at Georgetown College, whose observatory he is to have charge of.

The funeral services over the remains of Joseph Nyman took place vesterday afternoon at his late residence, 1509 Q street. —Rev. L. M. J. Savage of Boston lectured on "The Good and the Bad in the Past and at Present" at All Souls' Church last night.

—An old lady, over 60 years old, was par-alyzed at Albaugh's last night. Her name is Johanna Fogenat and she was removed to her home, at 608 K street southeast. John Toense was elected W. M.; Jacob Jose, S. W.; Moritz Giaeser, J. W.; Herm. H. Gerdes, secretary; H. T. Ries, treasurer, J. H. Meiners, S. D.; Ch. G. Krauskopf, J. D.; Fred. Hochelsen, steward; Eure Hoter, organist; Charles Bischoff, tiler, by Arminus Lodge, No. 25, F. and A. M.

The late Fred, Mareau was buried vester. day afternoon in Oak Hill Cometery, Rev. Dr. Newman officiating. The pall-bearers were Messrs John Vowels, James B. Austin, P. Durnan, George W. Kern, Alfred Bowser and James C. Noves.

The charge of assault with intent to kill against Ames Warren, who nearly killed Lou Austin at Thirteen-and-a-half and C streets, Saturday night, was continued in the l'olice Court yesterday to await the result of the girl's injuries, which are very serious.

The Sabbath Convention. Colonel Shepard of the New York Mail and Express will open the first National Sabbath Convention in the Foundry Church to-night.

Addresses will be made by Rev. J. H. Knowles, Mrs. J. C. Batcham, General A. S. Devan and others. The church will be decorated with streamers composed of petitions bearing, it is estimated, 13,000,000 signatures. These petitions, after serving their decorative purpose, will be sent to Congress.

Mrs. Lockwood's Lecturing Tour.
Mrs. Belva Lockwood leaves this evening for Milford, Conn., where she lectures tomorrow. From there she goes to Poughquag, N. Y., then to Mamy-Yunk, Pa., and through that State with a series of lectures sefore Teachers' Institute. In January she will try her new lecture, "is Marriage a Fallure?" on Morrow. From there are goes to Foughquag,
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the people of Lockport. Grand Jury Indictments. The grand jury to-day found indictments as follows: Richard Williams, larceny; Charles L. Williams, embezziement; George Price, assaulting officer; Charles Jones, larceny from

the person; John Brown, assault to kill: Jesse Gray, embezzlement. They ignored a charge of larceny against Frank Washington. Asks an Accounting. Eilen R. Goldsborough to-day, with Colonel Enoch Totten as counsel, filed a bill in equity against Hugh A. Goldsborough, surviving ex-centor of the will of Alexander Ray, asking for the payment to her of a certain annulty. The court is also asked to appoint a trustee to manage. "Itay's Coal Dock," and to require ac-countings, etc.

Thieves Frightened Away. An attempt was made to enter the shoe store of William Habs, 816 Seventh street

northwest, about 12:30 this morning, by some one prying open the door. The thieves were frightened from their work by the approach of Officer Caverly.

Kate Smith Fined. Kate Smith was charged in the Police Court this morning with keeping a disorderly house,

where her friends were wont to congregate for the purpose of shooting "erap" and playing cards. Kate was fixed \$50 or given sixty days. Marriage Licenses.

John Bender and Louisa Korte; W. R. Baker and Mary A. Talks; Abraham Cohn-Stein and Hanna Bernstein: John C. King. Prince George's County, Md., and Morgaret Ca-sell, city; L. N. Brown and F. M. Tarpley.

An Application Denied. Judge Cox this morning denied the injunction applied for in the case of Douglass against Van Buren & Wright to prevent the removal by the defendants of printing materials in the Corcoran building from one room to another.

### AT THE HOTELS.

W. H. Potter and wife of Michigan, J. H. Knowles, Newark, N. J., and Joseph Wharton of Philadelphia are at the Riggs House.
R. L. Budgman, Boston; Garrie D. Loubin, New York; R. W. Davenport, Pennsylvania; Ludwig Raecke, agent of the Poumery Sec, and W. Q. Riddle of New York are at Welcker's.

Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, editor of the New York Mail and Express, is at the Arling-James Tanner, one of the leading Brooklyn politicians and Grand Army men, is at the Ebblit House.

George W. Gregg of Ohio and H. N. Cartis f New York are registered at the Ebbitt

House, Dr. Hurlan, Philadelphia: Lieutenant W. B. Congatry, New York; Charles L. Benningham; H. A. Woodson, Philadelphia; Captain Harbinson, Brooklyn, are at the Mr. D. Demorest, the well-known burness manufacturer of Newark, N. J., is at Wil-

John Finn, St. Louis: A. Herd, Jr., New Orleans, and Robert S. Frazer, Pittsburg, are at Willard's.

Dr. Wallace Neff of Cincinnati is at Worm-George Gray and James H. Wilson of Delal

ware and James L. Sargent and wife, Cleve-land, Ohlo, are at Wormley's. John Birdsall, Glen Cove, New York, H. R. Belkung, Syracuse, N. Y., are at the Arlington. Hon. Thomas C. Pratt of New York is in town, stopping at the Arlington,

### BUCK IS CONVICTED.

THE POTTER JEWELRY ROBBERY IN THE CRIMINAL COURT.

The Gleomy Room Rendered Attractive by the Presence of the Noted Actress-Mr. Carrington Makes a Stubborn Fight, But in Vain.

There was a large attendance at the Potter-Buck engagement in the Criminal Court this morning. Long before court met there were several ladies in the court-room waiting to get a good look at Mrs. Potter and the handsome youth who stole her dlamonds at the Arlington Hotel. Mr. Lipscomb occupied the prosecutor's chair, and Campbell Carrington looked after the rights of the

ME. CARRINGTON FIGHTS HARD. Before the jury was sworn Mr. Carringon said that in order to preserve any rights the defendant might have he wished to file a motion to quash the indictment on the ground that members of the grand jury were improperly summoned and were legally disqualified from acting as jurors. In presenting his reas-ons why the Court should allow the mo-tion to be filed. Mr. Carrington said that the man should not be "railroaded"—he was indicted on Friday and arraigned on Saturday and had not had ample time to plead to the indictment.

The Court allowed the motion to be filed and, as a matter of course, over-After a jury was called Mr. Carrington

proceeded to interrogate them.

Mr. George Sheriff said that he had Mr. George Sherill said that he had read a newspaper account of the robbery and had formed no positive opinion, but believed that, if the report was correct, the man was guilty. Mr. Carrington challenged him peremptorily.

"The newspaper article impressed you that the man they were talking about was guilty?" inquired Judge Montgomery.

The Court said he did not think any honest man could say otherwise, if ques-tioned, and overruled the challenge. Mr. Carrington noted

James P. Ryan had formed no

Linsey Cain knew nothing of the matter.
Millard Metzgar had noticed an article, but had no opinion.

Mr. Huguely had read of it, but had no

pinion, Messrs, Barnes, Bury and Eaton had Mr. Hietmuller was challenged for the

ame cause as Mr. Sheriff.
Mr. Nelson had not read of it. Neither had Mr. Heine.

Judge Montgomery then reverted to the questions of challenge, and said that, in the interest of exceptional caution. Messrs. Heltmuller and Sheriff might

stand aside. Mr. Anderson had not read the newspaper articles. Mr. Schafer said that he had not read f it, but his mother and sister-in-law

would like to come down and see Mrs. Potter. He had formed no opinion. Mr. Carrington then asked to be al-lowed to challenge ten jurors peremptorily, the evident object being to raise a point as to the number of challenges to which he was entitled. The Court re-

will be sent to Congress.

Real Estate Transfers.

T. Franklin Schneider to Anna L. Giesy, \$7,200, sub-lot 153, square 155.

A. B. Hines to Elizabeth J. Evans, \$4,900, sub-lots 43 and 44, square 77.

Jane M. Baum to George L. W. Baum, \$10, parts of lots 25 to 27, square 460.

H. B. Moniton, trustee, to J. T. Arms, \$1,050, one-half of lot 41, square 367. e at a time

From the outset Mr. Carrington showed a decided disposition to make a strong fight in the case, making every possible point and reserving an exception at every opening.

MR. LIPSCOMD STATES THE CASE.

Mr. Lipscomb stated the charge to the jury saying the facts were so plain that only a technicality could be relied on by the defend-

William Jackson, colored, the night-watch-man at the Arlington, was the first witness called. He heard a noise in room 112, occup-pied by Mrs. Potter; 111 was the next room. He heard the rattling of light paper and going into 111 heard a bureau drawer shit. This was about half-past 7 at night. He went out, called a boy, sent a messenger to Mr. Beunctt. The boy ran away, and aroused the defendant in court, who came out, and said his lady wanted a cup of hot tea;

would be go get it.

The watchman suggested that he ring

the bell and call the boy.
"Thank you," said the youth; "I did not think of that."

He went inside and pretended to ring, "I know then," said the witness, "that either had to hold him or let him go. I pulled a revolver and backed him into the alcove. I told him that if he moved I'd kill him. Of course," he added, apologetically, "I had to say something." The finding of the jewelry on Buck's serson was described by Mr. Frank Ben-

ett, the manager of the hotel.

Mr. Carrington did not cross-examine either witness.
After Officer Hart had testified to the errest Mrs. Potter made a most success-

ful entry. MRS. POTTER ON THE STAND. She came in with conscious grace and took the stand with a light-hearted school-girl air that was quite foreign to



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the usual surroundings of the court-

A PUR-BLIND PARTISAN. She answered Mr. Lipscomb's questions with mathematical promptness, almost entirely in the monosyllables "yes" and "no," telling the value of the els that were stolen.

"Your home is where, Mrs. Potter?"
asked Mr. Carrington.
"Tuxedo, New York."
"When you are through with your
professional duties do you live with your

There was an indescribable gentle sibilant accent on the last consonant of the word that wafted itself out in the atmosphere with penetrating softness-like a very small leak in a steam heater. None of the jewels were given to you before marriage?"

The word came out with a gentle elocutionary explosion.

She stated that they had never been in

the possession of her husdand.
"Were they ever in a house where your husband had control?"
Mrs. Potter looked pensive and Mr.
Carrington added: "That is rather a deli-

The lady drew herself up with a defiant smile, held her head on one side and with a laugh, again discharged the word "No" into the atmosphere which fairly jingled

with the report.

When the questions were concluded, Mr. Lipscomb said with a Chesterfieldian

air.
"That will do, Mrs. Potter."
The lady inquired, "Is that all?" and left the stand, bowing with the same air with which she leaves the stage after a curtain recall in a comedy. Her first appearance in court was a signal success.
Mr. Carrington reserved a point in the claim that the property was that of Mrs. Potter's husband. Potter's husband.

A VERDICT OF GUILTY. The jury very promptly returned a verdict of gullty as indicted.

After the verillet Mr. Carrington asked that a ring which had been taken from Buck be returned to him, as it was not claimed by any one. He mentioned incidentally that the

ring was not, as was suspected, the property of Mrs. Jessie Bartlett Davis, and that property, which that lady valued very highly, would be returned to her.

The defendant had done all in his power to assist the authorities in finding jewelry that had been pawned. The ring was worth about \$125 and had been purchased by the prisoner with his own money. He at one time had considerable means, and still had interests of the value of about even over a sich. of the value of about seven or eight thousand dollars.

Buck was dressed, as usual, with hand-ome elegance, and his face never changed in its expression of dejection.

Rear Admiral Leroy's Death. Rear Admiral William Edgar Leroy died in New York yesterday from paralysis, aged 80 years. He was a veteran of the late war. While in command of the gruiser Keystone While in command of the gruiser Keystone State she was attacked by rebel ironclads off Charleston, S. C., her boilers perforated by shot and shell, twenty-four of her crew killed and wounded, and compelled to haul down her flag. The rebels continued their flre, and Captain Leroy hoisted his flag again and renewed his fire from the only gun that could be brought to bear. A fleet came to his rescue, the rebels were driven off and the Keystone State towed to Port Royal. On the 5th of April, 1874, Captain Leroy was made rear admiral and placed in command of a Southern squadron, and subsequently attached to the North Atlantic and European squadrous. He retired in 1880.

They Blew Out the Gas. Sunday night a man and woman engaged a room at a small east end hotel in Baltimore, where guests are not required to register Nothing was seen of them until late yesterday Nothing was seen of them until late yesterday afternoon, when the room door was broken open. The man was found dead and the woman nearly so. They had blown out the gas. The woman was still unconscious late last night. The man was identified as Charles E. Eltason, a young workingman, and the woman as Mrs. Lillis Eliason, the wife of the dead man's brother James. The woman will probably recover. She is said to have been suspected of wrong-doing by her husband, and while some are inclined to believe it was a case of suicide, the police are convinced that it was purely accidental.

Must Have a License. Mr. George McCarthy was charged in the Police Court this morning with selling goods at auction without a license.

The testimony showed that the defendant the destinony showed that the defendant borrowed a license from Mr. Weeks, an authorized auctioneer, for which he was to divide up the commissions.

There is a heavy fine connected with this offense, but Judge Miller, at the suggestion of the prosecuting attorney, allowed Mr. McCarthy sixty days in which to procure a regular license, indefinitely suspending the fine.

An Old Woman's Hallucination.

Mrs. Ann Hoyne, a poorly-dressed woman, 70 years of age, spent last night in a cell in the E Street Station-House. On her person \$279 were found, which she had drawn from Riggs & Co.'s bank some days ago, laboring under the delusion that her husband, a hard-working tailor, and others were trying to get it away from her. She is said to own \$3,000 or \$4,000 worth of property in South Washington. Her friends will try to take her to Mount Hope. Haltimore. to Mount Hope, Baltimore

A Divorce Granted. Judge Cox to-day granted the application of George W. Smith, filed May 16, 1888, for a divorce from Mary E. Smith on the ground of descrition. They were married May 28, 1878, in Sharosburg, Md., and, when he came to Washington in 1878, she refused to come with him. For nine years she has wholly ceased to communicate with him.

The Demoralization of Bates Chicago, Dec. 11 .- Judge Cooley and Colonel Morrison of the Interstate Commerce Commission will have a conference to-day with the general managers and passenger agents of the various Chicago roads for the purpose of pur-suing their inquiry into the causes which have led to the present demoralization of passenger

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A Sharp Rejoinder to the Congressman's Criticism on the Postoffice Administration-Charges That Are Denied-Effect of the New Order,

General Superintendent Bancroft of the Railway Mail Service said to an EVENING Post reporter that, in his opinion, the placing of the Railway Mail crerks under civil service rules would result in a material benefit to the service. The rules and regulations that are to govern the appointments have not yet been adopted.

The Postmaster-General is at work on them. It is the general opinion that the examinations to be made by applicants for positions in the postal service will differ somewhat from the examination required for clerkships in the Department. nents. The examination, it is under tood, will be more specific.

In speaking of Congressman Cannon's riticism, General Bancroft said that the Illinois Congressman either did not know what he was talking about or deliberately gave utterance to a slander on the admin istration of the Postoffice Department,

"The efficiency of the Postal service," said General Bancroft, "has increased wonderfully during the past year. The record made by the clerks on the distribution of postal cards increased from 87.51 per cent, in 1887 to 90.51 per cent, in 1888. Of the complaints made to the Department 75 per cent, on investigation showed the writers to be at fault. showed the writers to be at fault.
"Mr. Cannon says the system of checks

by which errors were detected and re-ported has been ignored by the clerks. etc. That statement is erroneous. the contrary the Department has rigidly enforced that rule and it would be an easy matter to convince any one except pur-blind partisans.

#### THE RAILROAD QUESTION. Residents of Northeast Washington Will

Ask Congress for Redress. Citizens' Association No. 3 met in the Peabody school building on Capitol Hill last night. Chairman S. C. Clark, from the committee appointed to report a digest of the laws bearing on the B. & O. Railroad Company's occupancy of the northeastern part of the city, in violation of the law, made an exhaustive report, W. H. Barton, S. C. Clarke and S. H. Walker were appointed to condense the report and furnish Congress well-printed copies of it. It was decided to circulate petitions for redress. This action was taken on the advice of Senator Ingalls who had promised to senator Ingalls. who had promised to appoint a sub-committee on railroads to confer with the Citizens' Committee. Another meeting will be held next Monday night.

Wreck on the A. & P. Road, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 11.—The wreck on the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad on Sunday evening was at a point called Crockston, in Johnson's Canon. The engine jumped the track and the engine, tender, mall, baggage, express and one emigrant car rolled over the express and one emigrant car rolled over the side of the mountain, a distance of 150 feet. Mail Agent B. S. Holz, Baggagoman Charles Ridiger and the engineer and fireman and sev-eral passengers were badly injured, but no one killed.

Gathering of the "Noble 400." New York, Dec. 11.—A distinguished gathering including Ward McAllister and most of his famous '400" were present last night at the Patriarclis' balk! Among others present were W. Waldorf Astor, E. T. Gerry, August Belmont, S. V. R. Cruger, Robert Goelet, ex-Mayor Cooper, W. B. Q. Cutting, R. B. Min-turn, DeLaucy Kane and J. P. Kernochan.

Mrs. Parsons' Return. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Lucy Parsons arrived from England by the steamer Aurania yesterlay and was greeted by a number of her admirers. She says that her reception abroad was a gratifying one and that great interest in radical social reforms is being shown in Eng-

Author of the Scott Law Ill. CINCINNATI, OHIO, Dec. 11.-Hon. Jame Scott, the author of the Scott Law, is lying dangerously ill at his home at Lebanon, Ohio. No medicines are being administered, his physicians deeming it useless. His age is 76 years. Last evening it was bolleved that he would not live through the night.

Who Furnished the Parnell Letters? LONDON, Dec. 11 .- It is stated that a secre tary of the Irish Patriotic Union named Houston is the man who sold the alleged Parnell letters to the Times, and that he bought them from Richard Pigott, the Fenian, by whom they were forged.

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THE WATER SUPPLY.

Annual Report of the Department to the Commissioners Captain James 1. Lusk, in charge of the Water Department, has submitted his annual report to the Commissioners for the last fiscal year. He states that he has adhered closely to the arrangement adopted by Captain Symons in his report of last year and has repeated sev-eral recommendations made by him. The report shows the comparative change in the number of water takers in the different sections of the city. Every

section increased except Georgetown and

The total revenues last year amounted to \$233,000. The estimated revenues for the present year are \$253,000, and for next year \$269,000.

A supply main is recommended to con-nect the 30 and 36 inch. It is to be laid on Seventeenth street and is regarded as highly important because it would be useful to minimize the inconvenience arising from a local break in either of the large mains. He says recent experience shows that when an increased supply of water is turned on a considerable propor tion of the old mains will be ruptured.

To deal vigorously with this matter an ample supply of material and sufficient available funds should be had to insure prompt action. He says the water division would experience a lasting benefit District could be used in the extinguishment of the debt of the department.

This would be no more than fair, he states, as for years the water fund has borne the expense of furnishing water

without cost to churches, hospitals and benevolent institutions. District buildings, public works, and thousands of families which use water from street hydrants. He shows that the cost of laying mains and erecting fire hydrants during the ten years from June 30, 1878, to June 30, 1888, exceeded the water-main tax by \$24,468.78. He concludes from this that the water-main tax should be increased from ‡ to 1½ per cent per square foot of land abutting on the street supplied with

nearer approach to equity in the rates for domestic use of water," he says, "could be effected by using the schedule partly upon the number of water fixtures employed instead of entirely upon the number of front feet and

He shows by correspondence with nearly forty American cities of 50,000 or more inhabitants that the water rates of Washington are decidedly the lowest The water rents last year fell below

ne estimated receipts.

He repeats the recommendation of Captain Symons that some officer of the General Government be given authority to make and enforce regulations to prevent the waste of water.

In regard to public hydrants, he says

in many cases they are undoubtedly necessary. Generally, he says, they constitute a widespread and expensive nulsance. These hydrants, he says, should be self-sustaining. THE SEWER DIVISION. He reports that owing to the insuf-ciency of last year's appropriation repairs to several important sewers had to be postponed to the present year. A sewer for Anacostia that will cost \$10,000, he says, is needed. Sewers on Champlain avenue and Superior street, in the county, he says, are intended to provide a trunk line for a rapidly-growing district. It is also intended to build a sewer along Rock

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ornamental goods suitable for Christmas presents. The emptied places, resultant from one day's business, are as quickly filled in preparation for that of the next; but as this method cannot be carried on up to Christman eve, we advise, as we have always heretofore advised, an immediate or au early selection, in order to reap the benefits of a full stock, a perfect unbroken assortment, and a calm, satisfactory selection, all of which

will be impossible in the hurry and rush incident to shopping this week or a few days prior to Christmas.

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THREE HOLIDAY BOOKS.

As an inducement extraordinary we have secured the exclusive sale, for this city, of three very handsome Holiday Books, for little boys and girls. Two of them have about 250 pages of reading matter, very profusely libustrated, while the other is a twelve by fourteen book also very profusely libustrated. We shall sell them at about one-half their regular prices, viz. the three books for one-dellar. Those will be found near the 11th-street door. GLASS BOTTLES.

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